

Leytonstone prove too strong for Wycombe

Sports Mail Special Report

LEYTONSTONE ... 3 : WYCOMBE W ... 1

A BIG, fast Leytonstone team — lying third in the Isthmian League—dominated the first half of their home game against Wycombe Wanderers. They scored after 20 seconds, and never looked back. Wycombe lacked the attacking brilliance they had shown against Dulwich Hamlet.

Leytonstone: Griffin; Allen, Wood; Smith, Newman, Messer; Hammond, Day, Greenhill, Tiffin, Cudmore.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; D. Worley; Atkins; Thomas, Crook, Beek; Rockell, L. Worley, Bressington, Bates, Hyde.

Referee: R. J. Skinner.

Attacking strongly, Leytonstone scored straight from the kick-off without a single Wycombe player touching the ball.

Tiffin screwed the ball back for GREENHILL to smash the ball past Brown from close range.

Brown saved a certain goal straight afterwards when he dived courageously at the feet of Tiffin.

Leytonstone, quick and dangerous on the wings, were out-smarting Wycombe's defenders on a greasy and treacherous pitch.

THOMAS TO RESCUE

Thomas twice cleared in the nick of time, once when Brown was clearly beaten.

When Wycombe launched their first positive attack Len Worley beat a man neatly and shot against the home crossbar with goalkeeper Griffin a mere spectator.

As the Wanderers began to show more spirit in attack, Bates gave a glimpse of his four-goal form against Hamlet,

in a move with Rockell and Worley. It ended with full back Allen booting clear from Hyde.

Leytonstone went further ahead after 25 minutes. Brown was too slow in coming out to take an adroitly angled free kick from Allen and TIFFIN got a simple goal.

As Leytonstone pressed home their advantage Tiffin hit a post and Hammond scored an off-side goal.

Wycombe's lucky star twinkled for the first time in the 35th minute. BRESSINGTON'S shot was flying well wide of goal when it hit a defender and was deflected well out of Griffin's reach.

Half-time: Leytonstone 2, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

A beautiful through ball which deceived Crook in the 74th minute sent centre forward GREENHILL right through for Leytonstone's third goal. Two Wycombe defenders converged on him as he flicked the ball past Brown.

A dispirited Wycombe never looked like beating the powerful home defence.

RESULT:

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